

Ever since the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been actively working in the lives of the believers. The moment that an unsaved person accepts Christ as their personal Savior, the Holy Spirit comes into their life and immediately begins working.

## I. The Ministries of the Holy Spirit to the Believer.

### The four immediate and permanent ministries:

- a. The Holy Spirit Regenerates the believer. *Jn 3:5; Titus 3:5*

Regenerate: reborn or created new

Prior to salvation, our spirit was dead. When a person receives Christ, the Holy Spirit regenerates the dead spirit so the believer can have fellowship with God.

- b. The Holy Spirit Baptizes the believer. *Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 12:13*

Believers are baptized by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation. The baptism of the Holy Spirit unites all believers together by adding them to the family of God.

- c. The Holy Spirit Indwells the believer. *1 Jn 3:24; Eph. 3:16*

Baptism of the Holy Spirit joins us to the Savior; the indwelling of the Holy Spirit joins the Savior to us.

When the Holy Spirit dwells inside man at the moment of salvation, man possesses a supernatural power to not only break the bondage of sin but become more like Christ.

- d. The Holy Spirit Seals the believer. *Eph. 1:13-14*

Sealed: shows that we belong to Christ.

Sealing by the Holy Spirit provides:

1. Security
2. Authenticity
3. Ownership
4. Authority

Earnest: a guarantee, or down payment, that we will receive our eternal inheritance in heaven.

### The one temporary and intermitten ministry:

- e. The Holy Spirit fills the believer. *Eph. 5:18*

Being filled by the Holy Spirit does not mean that the believer gets more of the Holy Spirit, it means the Holy Spirit gets more of the believer.

We are commanded in Scripture to be Spirit filled and to walk in the Spirit.

## II. The Spirit-filled Believer

There are numerous benefits to being filled with the Holy Spirit, but all benefits can be boiled down to one thing.

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Gal. 5:16*

The more we give ourselves over to the Holy Spirit, the more we are filled with His grace, His knowledge, and His power.

- a. How to become Spirit-filled.
  1. By searching your heart and confessing all known sin. *1 Jn. 1:9*

After salvation, we still sin. The sin never severs our relationship with God but it does sever our fellowship with God. We must confess our sin and get our hearts right with God before we can become spirit filled.

2. By praying to God and asking to be filled. **Ph. 4:6**

God will never withhold anything good from His children. If we want to be Spirit-filled, we must pray and believe that God will fill us with the Holy Spirit.

3. By yielding to the Holy Spirit. **Eph. 5:18**

Sin is what hinders the filling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to God is how the filling of the Spirit is maintained. Ephesians 5:18 commands that we be filled with the Spirit; however, it is not just praying for the filling of the Holy Spirit that accomplishes the filling. Only our obedience to God's commands allows the Spirit freedom to work within us. Because we are still infected with sin, it is impossible to be filled with the Spirit all of the time. When we sin, we should immediately confess it to God and renew our commitment to being Spirit-filled and Spirit-led.

- b. How we remain Spirit-filled.

1. By not quenching the Holy Spirit

Quenching the Holy Spirit is the sin that involves **not doing** that which the Holy Spirit **would have us do**.

2. By not grieving the Holy Spirit.

Grieving the Holy Spirit involves **doing** that which the Holy Spirit **would not have us do**.

**We prevent ourselves from quenching and grieving the Holy Spirit by being sensitive to the Holy Spirit. We remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit by praying, reading God's Word, and having a genuine hunger to know Him.**



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**Our View on the Holy Spirit: Part 2**  
*We Believe the Holy Spirit Grows the Believer*

Once we receive Christ, there are several benefits that immediately come to us that will never change. As we grow in grace and study God's Word, the Holy Spirit will grow us to be more like Christ. Sadly, due to a lack of faith and knowledge in the Word of God, many Christians seldom experience the full control of the Holy Spirit.

Our goal this morning is to discuss the different ministries of the Holy Spirit in reference to the believers. There are five overall ministries of the Holy Spirit, but only four are permanent and immediately available upon salvation. The fifth ministry of the Holy Spirit will take an average, apathetic Christian and turn them into a passionate warrior for Christ.

Through this discussion, we will discover what the Bible says about taking our ordinary Christian life and making it extraordinary.